

GOTHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Council meeting) of a meeting of Gotherington Parish Council held at **7.00pm** on Wednesday 14th April 2021 Venue Zoom

Councillors Present: Howard Samuels (Chairman), Mavis Rear (Vice Chairman), Beverley Osborne, Matt Dean

Others Present: Clerk/RFO, 1 resident

21.04.01 Welcome

The Chairman will ask if anyone wishes to record or film the meeting

No requests

21.04.02 Apologies for Absence

No apologies received. Cllr Osborne joined the meeting at item 07.02

21.04.03 To receive declarations of interest/requests for dispensation for items on the agenda below.

There were no declarations/requests

21.04.04 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10th March 2021

The Minutes were approved as a true record

21.04.05 To receive and request Borough Councillor & County Councillor Reports

Note response from CEO of Glos County Council re: new primary school – neighbouring parish councils to be consulted prior to planning application submission

Cllr Dean had sent his apologies via the clerk and would make a report as soon as time allows.

21.04.06 To receive reports from Parish Councillors on any external meetings attended

- **Village Hall Trustees – minutes of meetings attended – No minutes available**

21.04.07 To receive reports from Working Groups:

Please provide reports in writing so that they may be noted in the minutes.

1. Highways – Cllr Rear monitoring progress on A435 works and surfacing works at Gotherington Grange
2. Environment – Cllr Rear liaising with GCC on Footpath improvements including new kissing gate for AGO06
3. Freemans Field – Cllr Samuels is discussing boundary with adjoining landowner
4. JWP – tennis club doing their own cleaning but a regular contract may be needed
5. Broadband – Cllr Samuels/Dean progressing with Openreach following talks with other service users
6. Annual Village Event – Event for August in progress. Clerk confirmed £500 in budget for this year with £500 unspent in the previous year.

21.04.08 Public Session (15 minutes) Public speakers will be offered the opportunity for an officer to read out their questions or statement at the meeting, or to attend the meeting over Zoom to read out their questions or statement themselves. All questions to be sent

into the clerk prior to the meeting.

A resident raised a trip/injury hazard of barbed wire along the ground by the stream. **Cllr Samuels will contact landowner.**

There followed a discussion about private property external lighting being contrary to the dark skies policy

21.04.09 Finance & Governance

1. To agree payments and renewal of GAPTC subscription £274.30 – **Proposed Cllr Osborne, seconded Cllr Rear, all in favour**

2. To agree the bank reconciliation as at the end of March 2021 – **£46595.38 Proposed Cllr Samuels, seconded Cllr Osborne, all in favour**

3. To note report on payments and receipts against budget allocation to year end – Following an explanation of receipts and payments accounting the budget allocations were agreed.

4. To receive and agree the draft year end accounts for completion of the AGAR – **the figures were agreed as follows:**

AGAR		2019/20	2020/21
Box 1	B/F	20996	29410
Box 2	Precept	12000	14000
Box 3	Receipts	23213	31471
	Staff		
Box 4	Costs	-7359	-3623
	Loan		
Box 5	repay	0	0
Box 6	Payments	-19440	-24663
Box 7	Total Bal	29410	46595
Box 8	Cash held	29410	46595
Box 9	Assets	406826	406826
Box 10	PWLB	0	0

5. Discuss grant funding received for business revenue loss – Cllr Samuels stated that 5 months revenue had been lost and would explain this with a copy of the sales ledger

6. Consider purchase of an additional noticeboard £1500 approx.+ installation –

Proposed Cllr Samuels, seconded Cllr Rear, all in favour

7. Receive a note of the balance of any outstanding monies due to the Council as at 31Mar21 – Cllr Samuels reported that the March hire fees were still due in the sum of £1138.50 otherwise RRB income was up to date

8. Review tennis court booking fees, pitch hire fees and discuss option to lease – Cllr Samuels reported on a meeting with the tennis club in which it had been agreed to raise the hire fees and for tennis club to operate Club Spark.

“1. Prices will increase to £2.50 per 1/2 hour per court.

2. The Tennis Club will contribute £1200.00 for 2021. This will be to cover Club sessions and matches and the use of the Pavilion. The Pavilion will only be used for changing, and use of the toilet facilities and has been booked from 5/4/21 to 1/9/21 for Mondays & Wednesdays and from 17:30 to 20.00 both evenings. No refreshments allowed at this stage.

3. The Tennis Club will manage the cleaning before and after each booked session at the Pavilion.

4. Membership will be £50.00 for this year only for seniors and a reduced rate for juniors and even perhaps a special fee for family membership

5. Club members will pay a discounted rate of £1.50 per 1/2 hour per court when playing outside of Club sessions.

6. All tennis court bookings to be made via Club Spark Bookings from the menu on the Tennis Club website.
7. Pavilion bookings will still be made via Hallmaster
8. All non club bookings will be paid for at the time of booking and the facility is available for cancellations using the same method.
9. The Parish Council will receive a monthly statement showing bookings and funds credited to the bank account.
10. The Tennis Club will look after the running of ClubSpark"

The Council agreed these changes.

Cllr Samuels reported that he would invoice the football/cricket clubs a £250 contribution to grasscutting each. He reported that leases had been discussed with the clubs but had not been of interest.

9. Agree grasscutting costs for 2021/22 – Cllr Samuels had met with Tewkesbury Borough Council and they had quoted £1700 for grasscutting. **Council agreed to proceed with this quotation.**

10. Discuss website management – Clerk pointed out that no-one had the technical knowhow to run the website, arrange compliance or update the functions. **Cllr Samuels took an action to advertise for a volunteer in the newsletter.**

11. Discuss Civic Awards – **The Council agreed nominees for the Award and agreed a budget of £50 for a gift. Cllr Samuels took an action to find other contributors and arrange a presentation. Announcement to follow at APM**

21.04.10 Planning Matters

1. Consultations:

21/00259/FUL Construction of a solar farm and battery storage facility together with all associated works, equipment and necessary infrastructure. Land At Claydon Farm Claydon Tewkesbury Gloucestershire GL20 7BH – **request retention of bridleway**

20/00782/FUL Remove existing front porch and erection of a front extension. 47 The Lawns, Gotherington, Cheltenham – **No objection**

21/00262/FUL Erection of new dwelling and garage Whites Farm - **Objection**

21/00019/FUL - Part Parcel 0250 Manor Lane Gotherington Cheltenham – discuss S106 requirements – **request funding to extend community buildings to allow greater capacity and remind Borough of the lack of sports pitches**

Ashchurch PC formation of an Association – Ashchurch Garden Town – **agreed to support**

2. Decisions

None received

3. Consider feedback on the TBC Local Plan and whether to proceed with an NDP review

Cllr Samuels reported that there were insufficient volunteers to make a review

21.04.11 Projects

1. Receive traffic management data and discuss progression of VAS – the data captured by GCC in March 2021 showed that there were minor incidents of speeding on Cleeve Road, Malleson Road or Gretton Road. A survey of Malleson Road carried out by the police confirmed this data earlier in the year. Councillors felt that parked cars had affected data monitoring. **B/F to discuss quotations for VAS**
2. Progress on site meetings with suppliers of Play Equipment and next steps – **Cllr Osborne collecting visuals for a Zoom meeting with parish councillors in May and public consultation in June**
3. Progress on redrafting of Tennis Court quotations – tennis club wanted to meet to discuss, **Cllr Samuels to arrange**
4. Footpath improvements – Council keen to identify footpaths and signage in need of improvement for CIL funding. **Cllr Rear to action**

21.04.12 Date of Next Meeting

AGM & Annual Parish Meeting 5th May 2021

Planning Meeting 12th May (alfresco)

Next ordinary Parish Council meeting 22nd June 2021 in the village hall

A Resolution will be called for the Council to exclude members of the public and press Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the sensitive nature of the business to be transacted under :

21.04.13 Legal Matter – Village Hall

To receive legal advice and discuss next steps

No progress